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¶1. (U) Econoff met with the Director for the National Office of Meteorology (ONAMET), Gloria Ceballos, to raise awareness of the upcoming World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Congress, share USG priorities for the WMO Congress, solicit information on the Office of Meteorology priorities, and encourage WMO Members to coordinate closely with the USG on issues of shared interest.

¶2. (SBU) In response to the non-paper included in reftel, Ceballos agreed with the U.S. position regarding WMO's program and budget. Ceballos stated that the budget should not be increased and that if programs are suggested, they should have their own budget and committee. Ceballos plans to further discuss the non-paper among members of her office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. ONAMET will provide the Embassy with further information in the coming week.

¶3. (U) Ceballos said that ONAMET contributes to WMO's budget and that they are still analyzing their priorities for the upcoming congress. Due to the length of the Congress, Ceballos plans to be present at the WMO Congress from May 14-21. The Dominican Republic's permanent representative to the UN mission in Geneva, Ambassador Homero Luis Hernandez Sanchez, will attend the WMO congress on all other days.
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